

**APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 22, 2015, CONFERENCE ROOM 2, SWVTC**

The Appalachian Community Local Human Rights Committee (ACLHRC) met on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Rippey
Nancy Thurman
Frank Diamond
Sandy Yates

MEMBERS ABSENT:

William Bowers
Vickey McCarty
Dona Blair

OTHERS PRESENT:

B. J. McKnight, Human Rights Advocate, DBHDS
Tammy Mabe, Risk Manager
Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services
Dr. Mark Witherspoon, Director of Psychological Services
Patricia Bullion, Director of Staff Development
Priscilla Mays, Discharge Compliance Manager
Diane Edwards, Discharge Coordinator
Crystal Vaughan, Administrative Support

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER.

Sandy Yates, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Diane Edwards was introduced to the AC-LHRC.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented at the ACLHRC meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda made by Nancy Thurman, seconded by Nancy Thurman and unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

V. APPROVAL OF April 22, 2015 AND May 20, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

By a motion by Nancy Thurman and a second by Frank Diamond the April 22, 2015 and May 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by the ACLHRC.

VI. SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER REPORT

Priscilla Mays presented the Discharge Report for the second quarter. SWVTC discharged 17 individuals during fiscal year 2014 – 2015. In addition to the discharges,

SWVTC experienced 3 deaths during the fiscal year. The goal is to discharge 40 individuals by the end of fiscal year 2015 – 2016. Of these 40 individuals, SWVTC expects to discharge 9 individuals by October, 2015. The current SWVTC census is 123 individuals. Priscilla also announced that she has received a promotion to Discharge Compliance Manager and that her successor as Discharge Coordinator is Diane Edwards. Diane will be the one presenting the Discharge Report at future meetings.

Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services, presented the SWVTC Provider Quarterly Report of abuse/neglect investigations and corrective action plans for the second quarter (April 1 - June 30, 2015).

Tammy Mabe, Risk Manager, presented the SWVTC Provider Quarterly Report of Human Rights Activities for the first quarter (April 1 - June 30, 2015).

Patricia Bullion, Staff Development Director, presented an update on the Virginia Tech Research. The VT/RU Research Team submitted a flyer to SWVTC for distribution to individuals and families. The consent form was also revised and approved by Virginia Tech's Institutional Review Board.

Dr. Mark Witherspoon, Director of Psychological Services, presented changes to SWVTC Instructions 570 (Behavioral Support Plans, Procedures, and Guidelines for Use of Restraint) and 571 (Individual Suicide Precautions). Dr. Witherspoon also announced his resignation from SWVTC in order to begin employment at Southeastern Virginia Training Center.

A request was made for an update on case #11 and for a demonstration of TOVA to be given to the ACLHRC members at the next meeting.

Nancy Thurman made a motion to approve SWVTC Instruction 570 with no recommendations, accept the SWVTC 2nd Quarter Report with an update on case #11, Discharge Report, Virginia Tech Update, and SWVTC Instruction 571 as presented. After a second of the motion by Frank Diamond, the motion carried unanimously.

VII. ADVOCATE'S REPORT

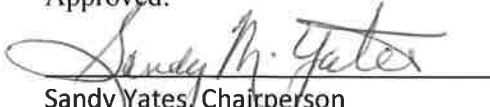
The Advocate will provide an update on CHRIS and other news at the October LHRC meeting with information obtained from the Office of Human Rights staff meeting scheduled for July 30, 2015.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought up.

- IX. Nancy Thurman made a motion to adjourn the July 22, 2015 meeting; this was seconded by Helen Rippey and unanimously approved.

Approved:


Sandy Yates, Chairperson